



The Extension

2017-18 Scholarship Recipients

Our WSURA Nick Davis Scholarship Fund has grown to the point that we are now able to support three students with \$1500 scholarships. Each year we are pleased to share information about the recipients who are wonderful examples of the quality of our university students. **Rosa Tweed** has become very familiar to the Board members since she is a third year recipient of a scholarship and has joined us each year at the December Board meeting to update us on her annual activities. Here is her new report.

Rosa Tweed is a 5th year double undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences and Printmaking. Her tentative graduation date is December 2018. She plans to work in the field of conservation as a wildlife biologist, with a strong interest in population genetics and behavioral studies. She also enjoys creating art that both promotes wildlife conservation and explores her own experiences as a student of science. You can follow her artistic developments on her art website at: www.ArtofCentauri.com. In the mean time, Rosa enjoys tending her planted freshwater aquarium and betta fish named Lazuli. She adds the following update on her activities during the past year:

I have had an eventful summer staying on campus at Wright State! To start off, I was very excited to attend the Field Ecology and Natural History Seminar led by **Dr. Stireman**, which featured a 3-day camping weekend in Shawnee State Park in Portsmouth, Ohio. During the trip, we hiked up steep ridges and down into creek beds, and learned about the myriad of interactions between all the flora and fauna. We were also chased by thunderstorms and rained on nonstop for two of the three days – no big deal with a proper tent and raincoat! My group did a short behavioral study on funnel weaving spiders, with an interest in how they chose their web-building sites.



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Later in the summer, I was very surprised to learn that my entry had been selected as the final winner for the City of Fairborn's Banner Contest! The challenge: to create an original design celebrating the connection between Wright State University and Fairborn over the years. I am still amazed to see my banners hanging on the light poles of Colonel Glenn Highway and North Fairfield Road! If it weren't for the kind encouragement of one of my bosses from my campus job, I may not have ever submitted my entry in the first place. Shout out to **Mark Queen** for always being a positive motivator to his student staff!

Last but not least, I was blown away to read my financial aid statement in June. I realized I had just enough aid to cover the biology department's tropical ecology trip over winter break this year. Thanks to generous scholarship donors like WSURA, I am able to study abroad to Costa Rica on a 21-day trip that will survey everything from environmentally friendly agriculture to the cloud forests! Ever since I received confirmation of my spot on the trip, I have been eagerly learning Spanish using the free website and app, Duolingo. Mi español es venir despacio... I have always loved hummingbirds and cannot wait to see the country that has over 50 unique species!

I truly cannot express the relief it is to receive a financial aid notification saying that all your tuition costs are covered, with enough to even support an exemplary chance to study abroad guided by real professionals in the field. It is truly an honor and what keeps me motivated through every exam. It remains a goal of mine to be able to support scholarships for students in need in the future, so I can pay it forward.



Our second recipient is **Lee Curtis Huntsburger**, Lee's majors are International and Classical Studies and a focus in Linguistics and a minor in Chinese.

He is a Dayton resident and a graduate of the Dayton Regional STEM School. His parents, James and Rebecca, are both respiratory therapists. His family includes his sister, Shana.

He is very involved in activities at the University including Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Inter Fraternity Council, Sorority Fraternity Council, Raiderthon, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dayton.



Our final recipient, is **Helena Nicole Jenkins**. She is a sophomore with a double major in English and Women and Gender Studies. She reports that her Intro to Fiction Writing course is improving her prose style immensely. Helena appreciates the wonderful, supportive learning environment that Wright State provides.

Helena's grandfather was **Jeff Vermooy** who was the Director of the Office of Disability for many years. She states, "I'm incredibly grateful for the financial support I've been given to follow in his footsteps. I was able to volunteer this year for the Breaking Silences Conference and it was an amazing opportunity to work with people who knew him."

WSURA Winter Activities

- January 14, 2018 **Annual Dining-out Brunch (open to all retirees)**
Date: Sunday, January 14, 2018
Time: 11 A.M.
Place: Mimi's Café, 4402 Walnut Street
in The Greene, Beavercreek, OH
RSVP: Sunday, January 7, 2018 marygromosiak@wright.edu
or call 937-974-4010
- February 10, 2018 **WSU Raiders vs Milwaukee - Men's Basketball**
Date: Saturday, February, 10, 2018
Time: 7 P.M.
Place: E.J. Nutter Center Alumni Box
RSVP: Friday, February 2, 2018 marygromosiak@wright.edu
or call 937-974-4010
- February 13, 2018 **Visit Newly renovated Frank Lloyd Wright home in Springfield, OH**
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Time: 11 A.M.— 12 noon tour followed by lunch
Tour Cost: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors 65+
Meet: E.J. Nutter Center Parking Lot to carpool
Leave: 10:15 A.M. for Springfield, OH
RSVP: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 marygromosiak@wright.edu
Or call 937-974-4010
- March, 2018 **Airstream Factory Tour — Jackson Center, OH**
Date: March Day TBA, Lunch Following Tour.
Tour: 1 1/2 — 2 hours, No Cost
Carpool: Meet in E.J. Nutter Center Parking Lot
Be sure to check the WSURA web site at:
www.wright.edu/retirees-association for updates for this tour and
other events.
- May 10, 2018 **Annual WSURA Retiree Luncheon — May 10, 2018**

Live and Learn Workshops

We are planning to offer short term workshops in the Spring. Last year's Ikebana Flower Arranging and Poetry Writing were well received. We would like to offer subjects that appeal to the widest audience. If you are interested in attending any of the following, please email your preference to Marlene Bireley at mkbphd@aol.com by January 15. Each workshop will last from two to four weeks, two hours weekly. Possible topics are:

Ikebana Flower Arranging	Poetry Writing
Beginning Genealogy	Beginning Drawing
Comparative Religions	Understanding Your iPad and Smart Phone
Preserving Your Legacy through Pictures and Anecdotes (Scrapbooking)	
Your Suggestion-Forward any ideas or interest that you may have	

President's Message **Donna Schlagheck**



Dear Fellow Retirees,

WSURA members have enjoyed a year of good programming and fellowship in 2017, thanks in very large part to our volunteer board members. Being doubly grateful (due to the end of daylight savings and all the seasonal holidays we have to celebrate), I share a few of the highlights for which I am thankful:

****Gary Barlow** has overseen the beautification of our office (210 Foundation Building) by adorning the walls with art from the hands of Lew Shupe, Bing Davis, and Gary Barlow, to name just a few. Vice President Joyce Howes has lent an exquisite quilt. The talents of WSU Retirees are boundless!

****Carol Stevenson** led a survey of the benefits of membership for retirees, which we'll share as often as we can.

****Abe Bassett** had created and edited a fabulous website for Retirees. It has grown into a rich resource, and I urge you to look at it often.

****Joyce Howes** is leading a team of board members and a new volunteer member, Judi Engle, to examine the communication between WSURA and its members. Branding, platforms (web v. print), and myriad other issues are being discussed, and you will likely see the impact of their work in our future conversations.

****Gail Whitaker** is the "go to" person for office operations, and her role in hiring and training our new office assistant, student **Emily Ross**, was invaluable. Her knowledge of WSU continues to benefit retirees and students, alike.

****Peggy Bott** and **Dick Williams** continue to keep us up-to-date on developments at OPERS and STRS. Watch for a panel discussion with them this coming spring semester. Many thanks to Peggy for her work on the Sunshine Committee, which notes the passing of our friends on faculty and staff at Wright State.

****Emily Ross**, a sophomore Business major, has been a brilliant addition to our team. Good luck with finals!

****Mary Gromosiak** has led a rich variety of programs for retirees, and is scheduling an equally impressive set for 2018. Frank Lloyd Wright house tour!

****Marlene Bireley** is tireless in her Membership development work, from brochures to directories, helping us stay connected.

****Ruth Schumacher** has linked WSURA members to international students via the University Center for International Education.

****Gary Pacernick** has helped link WSURA to 3 new scholarship recipients—all children or grandchildren of retirees who benefit from the Nick Davis Scholarship.

****Dan Abrahamowicz** keeps us linked into the Historical Preservation process.

****Sheryl Provens** has brought her skill set to bear on our finances, and has built a strong liaison to the Associate Provost's office, THANKS! to Associate **Provost Berberich** and his assistant, **Shannon Norton**, as well, for their continued support of WSURA.

****Larry Prochaska**, Board Secretary, has brought clarity and brevity to our minutes.

****Mary Kenton** has assumed responsibility for *The Extension* and also continues her work on Athletics and also continues her work on Athletics Council and Scholarship Committee.

****And, now, I must say THANK YOU and GOOD-BYE to 2 long-serving WSURA Board Members: **Frieda Bennett**, who has helped lead our communication efforts, and **Jim Sayer**, whose experience as a faculty member, faculty president and Dean of the Lake campus, were unmatched. **Jim** and **Frieda** have resigned their Board positions, and we will miss them greatly. Family calls them elsewhere, but we hope they will visit often and stay in touch.**



Merry Christmas! Happy Hannukah! All the best to those celebrating Kwanzaa and the Solstice and Yule. Be safe, and join us for activities of interest in the New Year. I hope to schedule another brown bag luncheon, among the many programs we'll offer our members. Enjoy the season. Don't overload on resolutions. See you in 2018.

Wright 1 Card for Retirees

Carol Stevenson

In the Fall edition of *The Extension* the 'WSURA-Something for Everyone' article listed a number of benefits being a member provides. This edition of *The Extension* is highlighting the specific benefits of keeping and using your Wright1 Card. The Wright1 Card has evolved from being a simple ID/library card to a multi-functional card that grants access to a variety of services on and off-campus. Currently it is used as a departmental ID card, conference card, affiliate card and identifies emergency first responders and essential personnel. (By clicking on The Wright1 Card web page and selecting the Off-campus or On-campus Tabs a complete listing of services can be seen.) The first Wright1 Card updated to reflect the Retiree status is free and may be obtained at the Wright1 Card Office.

As a WSU retiree, the card will continue to provide benefits and be a useful tool in retirement. When value (RaiderCash) is added to the card (by credit card or ACH transaction), its versatility and continued usage can be increased. RaiderCash is accepted at designated on and off-campus Wright1 Card locations. Receive a discount when you use your Wright1 Card RaiderCash at participating off-campus merchants. See <http://www.wright.edu/bursar/wright1-card> for specific locations. RaiderCash is never remitted to the University. RaiderCash will stay on your account until you spend it or leave the University and request a refund. Participants are encouraged to deposit only what will be used in reasonable increments of time.

Four benefits of particular interest to retirees are:

On-Campus:

Discounts at the Barnes and Noble on-campus bookstore. There is a **20% discount** for trade books, clothing, and gifts; and a **10% discount** for textbooks.

Special pricing for single tickets to the WSU theater (Wednesday-Friday performances only for \$15.00).

Free access to the Student Union Fitness Center (locker fee not included) for WSURA members. Application is made through the WSURA office.

Off-Campus:

There are currently 19 restaurants in the Wright State vicinity which accept the Wright1 Card for a **5% dining discount**.

Deposits either by credit card or ACH can be made through WINGS by using your "w" number (ex., w123abc) and password or WINGS Express by using your UID and PIN numbers. Detailed deposit instructions can be found on the Wright1 Card web page (<https://www.wright.edu/bursar/wright1-card/manage-your-card#tab=online-deposits>). Contact the CaTS Help Desk (937-775-4827) if you need assistance with your credentials. Through WINGS Express you can also manage your account with access to on-line statements detailing history of deposits/spending, or report your card lost/stolen. If you have further questions regarding activating your Retiree Wright1 Card, or adding value at an on-campus location or from your home computer, assistance can be obtained from the **Wright 1 Card Center**:

Location: 055 Student Union

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Phone: (937) 775-5542

Email: wright1card@wright.edu

Deaths

Gerald Meike, PhD, August 21, 2017, Asso. Prof, Mathematics and Statistics

Jacob Dorn, PhD, September 6, 2017, Prof, History

Patricia K. White, September 12, 2017, Prof. of Dance, Theatre, Dance and Motion Picture Department

James Daily, PhD, September 18, 2017, Professor and Chair of Mgt.

Col. Kenneth Beers, MD, September 20, 2017, Asso. Director of Aerospace Medicine Residency Program, School of Medicine

Jane Brannen, September 22, 2017

David Grider, September 22, 2017

Raymond Yates, September 28, 2017 Lead Water treatment Worker

Ching Po Li, MD, November 6, 2017, SOM

WSURA STAYS CONNECTED



The Health Fair

The Retirees Association booth was a busy place as we handed out 275 health bars and had 225 attendees fill out raffle tickets for the two free raffle baskets that we provided. The baskets were valued at over \$50 with contents that included donations from the Wright State Athletics Department, WSU Book Store and the Fairfield Road Starbucks store. WSURA supplemented these gifts with a restaurant gift card and various healthful food items. The delighted recipients of the baskets were **Adrienne Guidelsky**, Administrative Support Coordinator, Biological Sciences, and **Leisa Alejandro**, Grounds Maintenance. About fifty brochures were handed out to employees who were nearing retirement giving them an opportunity to hear about the many advantages of being a WSURA member. Thanks to **Mary Kenton**, **Gail Whitaker** and **Sheryl Provens** who assisted Membership Chair **Marlene Bireley** in covering the booth and **Carol Stevenson** who assisted in shopping for the basket contents.



Adrienne Guidelsky

Leisa Alejandro



50th Anniversary Activities

WSURA members were involved in many of the celebratory activities that marked the fiftieth anniversary of the university. About a hundred faculty and students who were at the university in the very early days (1964-67) met for a Pioneers' Brunch sponsored by the Alumni Association. **Dick Williams**, WSURA liaison to the Alumni Association, led a discussion of early reminiscences of both

On Sunday morning, **Dick Williams**, **Abe Bassett** and **Gary Barlow** were on a panel discussing their remembrances of the early days that were marked by sharing offices with professors from all disciplines and classrooms with workers who were putting the finishing touches on the new buildings often when classes were in progress. **Jim Sayer** also made a presentation on "The Angst of the Presidency."

On a much lighter note, the retirees entered a team in the Trivia Night contest sponsored by the College of Education and Human Services. Team members included **Gail Whitaker**, **Peggy Bott**, **Marlene Bireley** and **Gary Barlow** from the WSURA Board and four friends of the group. Questions were an interesting mix of pop culture and WSU history (we aced that part!). The team finished in a four way tie for second just one point behind the winner. **Joyce Howes** also participated on the Provost's team who also tied for second. Throughout the contest various "firsts" or "oldests" were honored (first students, graduates, etc). **Gail** and **Guest Whitaker** were acknowledged as the couple married the longest. The Trivia Contest is an annual affair sponsored by CEHS as a scholarship fund raiser. Those of us who participated would encourage involvement in future years. It was a fun evening for a worthy cause.

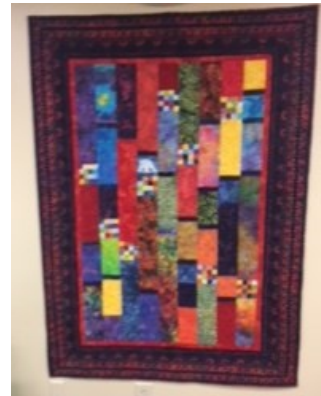
More Than A Board Room

An effort has been made this year to open up the use of the WSURA office to activities beyond the monthly Board meeting. In September, an Open House was held in honor of members who had joined the organization since 2014. Those who attended were greeted by members, food and the newly hung art gallery. Also held in October was the first brown bag informal lecture. The guest was **Paul Leonard**, WSU faculty member and former Dayton mayor and state representative. He made a short presentation and then led a discussion about the current state and national political situation. Watch your emails from WSURA for the dates and topics of future brown bag discussions. Parking is free and plentiful at the Foundation Building so it is easy to get to the office.

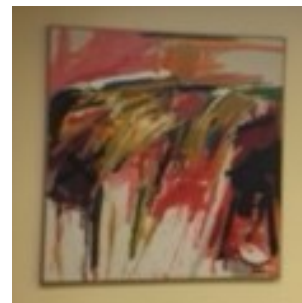


“Beach Scene”
Gary Barlow

The art work that now covers the office walls was provided by **Gary Barlow** from his own collection. **Joyce Howes** has also hung one of her quilts. It is our intention to change the content of the collection as works from members are loaned to the organization. **Gary** will continue to curate the collection. If you have something that you have created and would like to share it with us for a short time please contact **Gary** (gary.barlow@wright.edu). Not only art work but poetry or other short written works are welcome.



“African Echoes”
Joyce Howes



“Black X: Landscape”
Gary Barlow

Website

Have you visited the WSURA website lately? Webmaster **Abe Bassett** has worked diligently to upgrade the format to make it more user friendly and has added content such as obituaries and short reflections by various members. It is also an archival repository of our old *Extensions*, minutes and treasurer’s reports as well as more pictures than we can include in *The Extension*. Make sure that you visit it often to keep up with information of happenings and news that occur between publication of our quarterly *Extension*. If you are a Facebook member, be sure to visit and contribute to the WSURA Facebook page.

WSURA Membership Form

New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Primary Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Wright State Department at Retirement _____ Year _____

Spouse's Department at Retirement _____ Year _____

Email Address _____

Check One: Faculty Unclassified Classified

Life Membership:

_____ \$100 (All Ages)

Annual Membership:

_____ \$25

Patron (Membership in WSURA not required):

No set amount. Donations are tax deductible. Contributions should be sent directly to the Foundation as follows:

Wright State University Foundation
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy
Dayton, OH 45435-0001

Make your check payable to:

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Note on check memo line: 551327 Patron Donations Fund

Please fill in the information requested above and send it with your dues (please do not send cash) to:

WSURA, Attn: Treasurer, 210 Foundation Building, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435